

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ELSA GULINO, ET AL.,

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Plaintiffs,

-against-

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

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ORDER

KIMBA M. WOOD, United States District Judge:

On September 28, 2022, Special Master John S. Siffert filed his Interim Report and Recommendation recommending that the Court grant in part Plaintiffs' thirtieth motion for interim awards of attorneys' fees and costs (the "Report"). (ECF No. 10143.) The Report recommends an interim award of Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs associated with work on this case by Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP during March 2022, in the total amount of \$852,498.99. The Report reviews the complex issues addressed by counsel during the above-mentioned time period and the reasonableness of the billing rates for various attorneys and experts. These rates include an increase in damages expert Dr. Thomas DiPrete's hourly rate from \$770 to \$795. The Special Master also undertook a meticulous review of attorneys' and experts' time.

The Court notes that the parties have represented to the Special Master that they do not intend to file objections to the Report. The Report also states that Plaintiffs have not waived their claim to entitlement to the compensation they originally requested for this period.

The Court hereby adopts all of the findings and recommendations of the Report, including the hourly rates recommended by the Special Master. The Court awards Plaintiffs a total of \$852,498.99 in interim attorneys' fees and costs. The award shall be paid no later than November 2, 2022.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York

October 3, 2022

/s/ *Kimba M. Wood*

KIMBA M. WOOD
United States District Judge